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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: E. O. Okezie |
| TADASHI HAYASHI |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 3652 |
| Application No.: 10/812,878 |) | |
| | : | Confirmation No.: 4562 |
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| For: MANIPULATOR |) | December 21, 2006 |

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: